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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Srinivasan

Serial No: 10/742,342 Group art Unit: 2179

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Examiner: Vuu, Henry. Atty. Docket: RAG-005

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## **ELECTION AND TRAVERSE**

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of March 21, 2007 Applicants hereby submit the following Election with Traverse.

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# A. Election

In response to the restriction requirement, the applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-12 and 24-26 (method/system for enabling an application designer to develop a UI) are stated in the office action to be readable on this group.

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed for the reasons set forth in the next section

## B. Traverse

In response to the restriction requirement, the applicants have elected to prosecute Group I, claims 1-12 and 24-26 (method/system for enabling an application designer to develop a UI) are stated in the office action to be readable on this group...

. The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed for the reasons set forth below.

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. It is submitted that restriction between differing inventions is unduly burdensome and wasteful of the resources of both the applicants and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by perhaps requiring separate filings, filing fees, office actions, responses, issue fees etc. for the filing of an additional applications. It is submitted that restriction between groups I and II is unwarranted for the following reasons. The inventions of groups I, II and III are sufficiently similar i.e. UI design, such that a search of the claims is likely to encompass the other class. Thus the search of the non-elected claims will essentially already been made and to require a possible separate prosecution of the other method claims is unnecessary and wasteful of resources.

Accordingly removal of the restriction requirement between the groups is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding this matter, the Examiner is requested to telephone the applicants' attorney at the numbers listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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